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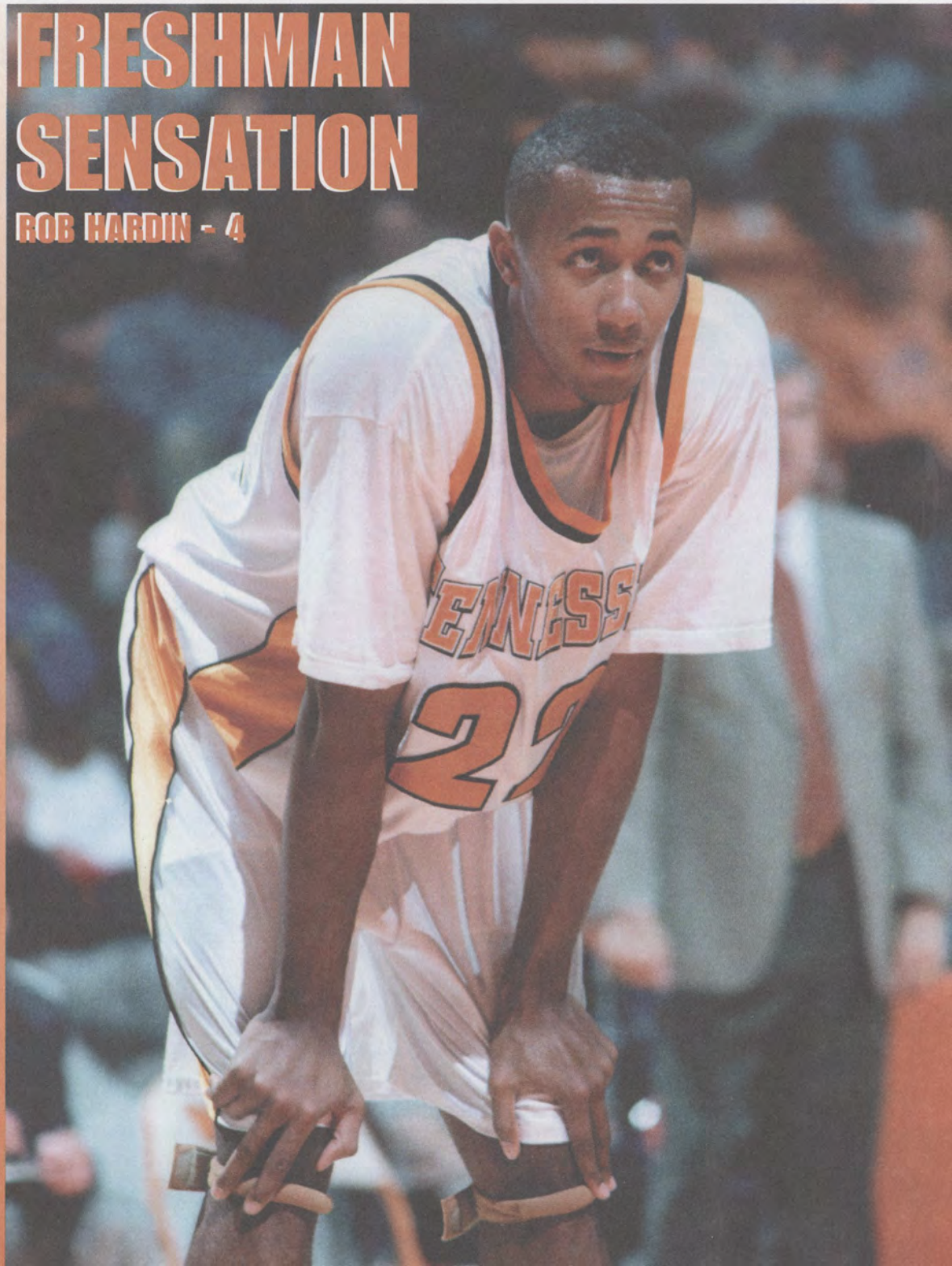

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Lettermen's Spring Weekend

The Tennessee Lettermen's Spring Weekend will be April 23-24, 1999. The annual spring golf tournament has been set for April 23rd at Willow Creek Golf Club. Check-in will begin at 11:00 A.M., lunch (catered by Buddy's Barbecue) at 11:30 A.M., and shotgun start at 1:00 P.M.

Cost $50.00. Players may choose their own foursome (fellow lettermen) or the golf committee will place you with a foursome. We have excellent prizes again this year. Refreshments, fellowship, and distribution of prizes immediately following play. Reservations and money must be in the "T" Club office by April 5, 1999, in order to reserve your place in the golf tournament. **We are looking for hole sponsors at the rate of $100.00 per hole.** Call Judy at 423/974-9054.

The lettermen will have a family outing at the Keith McCord Farm in Blount County on April 24. Lettermen and their families are invited to spend the day and early evening (10:00 A.M. until dark). There will be horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, paddle boating, fishing, games, food, and lots of fellowship. It is important to make reservations for this outing no later than April 19th.

Lettermen are invited to bring their families to Neyland Stadium for pictures and autographs at 1:30 P.M. The National Championship Football Team will have the Orange & White game in Neyland Stadium at 3:00 P.M.

Tracy Prater Passed Away

Tracy Prater, a Football Manager in 1938, passed away on March 1. Our condolences go to his family.

Update on Lettermen's Wall

Lettermen are continuing to send in donations for the *Wall of Fame.* Many have contributed a second time. We appreciate the help we have received from all across the country. This *Wall* is a tribute to all past, present and future letter winning athletes who have and will contribute to the highly successful athletic programs at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Interest is high and we feel participation has been good. We have raised approximately $118,000 to this point towards our goal of $220,000, which is what it will take to build the wall.

We are in the process of meeting with various architects, contractors, marble experts, etc., in order to be as informed as possible before presenting final plans to the "T" Club Board of Directors. We are excited and getting anxious to have the actual ground breaking.

Should you wish to make a contribution (remember it is 100% tax deductible), make your check payable to **University of Tennessee**

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— Judy Constantine

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Jechura, Mark	85-88	SW
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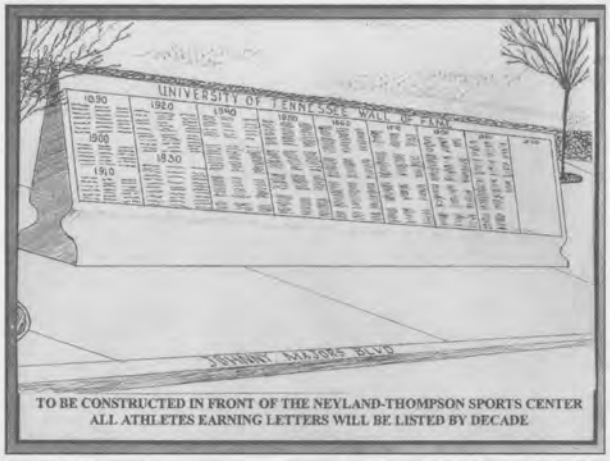

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CHAMPS Program

The Thornton Athletics Student Life Center

By the Fall 2000 semester, the Men's and Women's Office of Student Life will have a new home, the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center. Located on the corner of Pat Head Summitt Street and Volunteer Boulevard, the Center will be situated in the heart of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus and convenient for all student-athletes. The dream of this new facility is being made a reality through the generous gifts of John Thornton and his family and many other dedicated Volunteer supporters.

The $4 million Thornton Athletics Student Life Center will be approximately 25,000 square feet of space with 3 levels. The lower level, adjacent to the Tom Black Track, will house a state-of-the-art computer laboratory with over 75 computers for the student-athletes to use. Offices for the directors and the advisors will be located on the main floor which will also be the main entrance. Students and guests will enter a reception area that is open to the second level and then be able to view the academic awards and honors displayed in the near by gallery. The Career Center and a large study area will also be on this main level. The second floor will consist of the Writing Center offices, the Writing Laboratory, and the Special Needs Center. There will be large and small tutoring rooms along with another large study area for Freshmen and at-risk students.

With comprehensive services in advising, tutoring, counseling and management, UT's Office of Student Life supplies the Volunteer student-athletes with all the tools necessary to be successful in the classroom. The new Thornton Athletics Student Life Center will play a key role in the Athletics Departments' continued commitment to academic success.

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A Look at the Vols...

Vincent Yarbrough - Making an Impact

The effects of senior Brandon Wharton committing to Tennessee four years ago are still being felt.

Before Wharton committed to Tennessee, the best players in the state had often bypassed the Vols and signed with other universities. But Wharton started a trend that has yet to stop.

Following Wharton to Knoxville were Chattanooga's C.J. Black and Nashville's Charles Hathaway. Tony Harris followed suit by leaving Memphis and coming to Knoxville.

That made three prep All-Americas in two years. Vincent Yarbrough kept that streak alive when he chose the Vols.

"I know we have a lot of great players in this state," Wharton said. "A lot of people did not know that. People thought we only had talent in Memphis, but there are talented players across the state."

Yarbrough played his prep basketball just down Interstate 75 in Cleveland. When he journeyed northward, he joined fellow Tennesseans in Orange and White and his older brother, Del Baker.

Baker was in the signing class of 1997 along with Harris. The addition of Yarbrough filled the Vol roster with seven in-state players.

When the Vols landed a No. 4 seed in the East Region in the NCAA Tournament, they truly are representing the state of Tennessee.

"We are really representing the state," Wharton said. "It feels good to know guys from the home state are representing the home state."

The closeness to home was a factor in Yarbrough's decision, but so was the relationship with Baker.

"It is like old times," Baker said. "We have always wanted to play together, but up until he made a decision on where to go to college, it never really materialized. All through our careers we have talked about staying together. We are so tight. We have always wanted to be together and play together as long as possible.

"In high school, we were always there for each other. It feels like home. Just to look across the court and see him will give me reassurance, and I hope it will do the same for him."

The duo led Cleveland to the Class AAA state championship in 1997, in which Yarbrough was

Yarbrough has already made his mark on the Tennessee record books with his school record tying seven steals against UNC Greensboro earlier this season.

named the tournament's most valuable player.

After Yarbrough's senior season, he was named Tennessee's Class AAA "Mr. Basketball" and was the state's Gatorade Player of the Year. He was a consensus high school All-America, including McDonald's, Parade and *USA Today*. He was also one of 10 finalists for the Naismith Award as the nation's top high school player.

But with those years behind him, Yarbrough headed for Knoxville looking to make an impact.

His teammates expected him to do so as well.

"Vincent is an All-America coming out of high school, so he has to be something special," sophomore guard Tony Harris said. "He is the type player who can make this program better."

Heading into the NCAA Tournament, Yarbrough had started 25 of the Vols' 27 games and was averaging nearly eight points a game. He is also averaging five rebounds per game ranking him third on the team.

His rebounding ability has also caught the eye of fans and teammates alike.

"He is one of the best rebounders I have ever been around," senior Torrey Harris said. "He is an outstanding rebounder and has great anticipation for the ball. He is an excellent leaper. Everybody talked about how well he can shoot, but he can also rebound well. He has helped us a lot on the boards."

One of his biggest rebounds came in the regular season finale against Kentucky.

The Vols were trailing 51-45 with just over 10 minutes left in the game. C.J. Black hit one of two free throws, and Tony Harris hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 51-49. After a Black miss inside, Yarbrough scooped up a loose ball and jammed it home to tie the score.

The Vols eventually won 68-61. This was the second of two wins over the Wildcats this season. The Vols picked up the first win Jan. 12 in Lexington. It was the first win for the Vols in Rupp Arena since 1979. Once again, Yarbrough played a major role in the 47-46 upset.

Yarbrough only scored four points in the game, but he grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds including seven on the offensive end. The Vols as a team outrebounded the Cats 45-36 becoming the first team to do so to that point in the season.

"C.J. was going to the boards and Charles and Isiah Victor were going to the boards," Green said. "But if one person made a difference, I would have to say it was Vincent."

Yarbrough's last offensive rebound of the game led to Wharton's eventual game-winning 3-pointer.

Wharton missed his first attempt on the possession, but Yarbrough hustled for the rebound and passed to Wharton, who didn't hesitate the second time.

Wharton's 3-pointer with 1:07 put Tennessee back in front, 47-46.

Yarbrough had the confidence that the Vols could get the win in Lexington.

"There was no doubt in our minds that we could come in here and get the victory," Yarbrough said.

While Yarbrough is adjusting to life on the court, Baker is also helping Yarbrough make the transition to college life.

"Del has taught me a lot of things so far," Yarbrough said. "It would have been harder to make the transition from high school to college without him here."

Yarbrough currently ranks sixth in scoring among SEC freshmen.

"HAVING TO BATTLE FOR PLAYING TIME GIVES ME EXTRA INCENTIVE TO GO OUT AND WORK HARD EVERY DAY. I HAVE TO OUTWORK THE NEXT PERSON AND STAY IN THE TEAM CONCEPT. IT IS HARD TO GET A LOT OF MINUTES."

— VOL FRESHMAN VINCENT YARBROUGH

Baker's freshman experience will also be advantageous to Yarbrough.

"There was a lot I didn't expect here," Baker said. "The talent level and physical play was higher than I expected, and everybody was as much of an athlete as I was.

"I probably did not come as prepared as I should have. I have talked to him about the things I struggled with, and hopefully he will be able to handle those challenges."

Not only did Yarbrough have to adapt to Division I basketball, but he had to adapt to life as a college freshman. Once again, his older brother has aided in the transition.

"I am going to help him help as much as possible - academically, socially and basketball wise," Baker said. "I will help him out as much as he needs me. I will probably help him when he doesn't think I need to."

Yarbrough earned a spot in the starting five in the second game of the year, but he still has to fight for playing time in practice.

"Having to battle for playing time gives me extra incentive to go out and work hard every day," he said. "I have to outwork the next person and stay in the team concept. It is hard to get a lot of minutes."

— Rob Hardin

1999 STATS

G-S	MIN-AVG	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	REB-AVG	PF-D	AT	TO	BS	ST	TP-AVG.
27/25	633-23	78-182	.429	22-76	.290	31-47	.660	157-5.1	49-1	38	45	28	43	209-7.7

FROM THE HARDWOOD...
Vols Claim No. 4 NCAA Seed

Despite a loss in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament, Tennessee claimed the No. 4 seed in the East Region of the NCAA Tournament.

The Vols took their 20-8 record to Charlotte as one of 64 teams vying for the NCAA Championship.

"A No. 4 seed is a very good seed for us, and we are happy to have it," junior Rashard Lee said. "We are just going to go out and play hard. It is a single elimination tournament and every team is hungry. We have to come out hungry and be more aggressive."

The Vols are headed into the Big Dance following their 62-56 loss to Mississippi State.

Poor shooting was the main reason for the Vols' early exit in the tournament. They shot 29.9 percent from the field for the game and hit only 4-of-29 3-point attempts. The backcourt duo of Tony Harris and Brandon Wharton combined for 15 points which is 14 less than their combined season average of 29.

"We can't move forward thinking about Mississippi State because that is in the past," Lee said. "The loss to Mississippi State was a backslide for us, but we have to pick it up for the NCAA Tournament. This is for all the marbles and we are going to play hard, play smart and play together."

The Vols earned a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament by virtue of their first place finish in the SEC East. It was the first time the Vols have won the Eastern Division since divisional play began during the 1992-93 season.

The division-clinching victory was a 68-61 triumph over Kentucky in Thompson-Boling Arena. This was the first time since 1979 the Vols swept the regular season games with Kentucky.

Harris and Wharton led the charge for the Vols with 18 and 17 points respectively. Isiah Victor came off the bench to add 11 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Tennessee found itself trailing 44-35 with 14:12 remaining in the game. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Wharton around a Kentucky bucket pulled the Vols to within five points.

The lead was down to two points after Harris drained a 3-pointer from the left wing. Vincent Yarbrough then tied the game at 51 with a slam off a missed lay-up.

That capped off a 16-7 run for the Vols. The Vol defense then tightend and they hit just enough free throws to secure the win.

— Rob Hardin

Isiah Victor shoots over Mississippi State at the SEC Tournament. Victor finished the game with 11 points and 12 rebounds. —Ray Cobb, Tennessee Sports Photography

1998-99 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

	FG-FGA	PCT	3P-3PA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	REB	PF-D	A	TO	BK	ST	PTS	RECORD
TENNESSEE	26-73	.356	13-32	.406	7-12	.583	39	18-1	9	17	4	11	72	
Arizona%	29-55	.527	4-13	.308	11-16	.688	41	14-0	13	22	5	10	73	0-1
Tennessee State	23-56	.411	7-20	.350	16-24	.667	32	27-3	10	24	0	8	69	
TENNESSEE	30-61	.492	5-21	.238	26-38	.684	42	23-0	18	18	5	10	91	1-1
CS Northridge	22-60	.361	7-25	.280	13-18	.722	28	27-2	14	19	3	14	64	
TENNESSEE	22-54	.407	5-16	.313	34-39	.872	47	16-0	9	20	8	5	83	2-1
TENNESSEE	22-51	.431	3-20	.150	15-22	.682	39	12-0	10	17	8	2	62	
Miami (Ohio)	27-66	.409	7-27	.259	7-8	.875	34	20-0	8	11	1	5	68	2-2
UT-Chattanooga	26-68	.382	11-18	.611	11-17	.647	35	18-0	11	8	4	9	74	
TENNESSEE	30-57	.526	10-21	.476	15-23	.652	42	16-0	25	14	13	5	85	3-2
W. Carolina	17-58	.293	3-23	.130	4-9	.444	39	17-0	14	26	2	7	41	
TENNESSEE	31-73	.425	5-23	.217	17-27	.630	52	11-0	20	11	7	20	84	4-2
Memphis	26-61	.426	5-15	.333	10-17	.588	37	26-0	13	19	1	10	67	
TENNESSEE	23-44	.523	3-11	.273	19-33	.576	31	14-0	14	21	8	9	68	5-2
Pittsburgh	20-64	.313	7-20	.350	6-7	.857	41	22-2	9	20	2	11	53	
TENNESSEE	17-42	.405	2-11	.182	20-31	.645	37	13-0	11	22	15	13	56	6-2
TENNESSEE	19-57	.333	5-21	.238	10-14	.714	39	14-0	16	15	9	11	53	
St. Joseph's	21-68	.309	6-11	.545	7-13	.538	47	14-0	11	15	5	8	55	6-3
TENNESSEE	24-73	.329	6-20	.300	21-33	.636	51	23-2	12	20	4	11	75 (OT)	
South Florida	25-77	.325	3-17	.176	15-25	.600	60	28-1	14	21	7	10	68	7-3
UNC-Greensboro	23-59	.390	5-13	.385	9-14	.643	35	24-2	16	24	2	8	60	
TENNESSEE	30-59	.508	6-19	.316	26-37	.703	39	16-0	19	15	3	15	92	8-3
TENNESSEE	21-54	.389	6-19	.316	14-22	.636	30	26-2	9	28	3	15	62	
Auburn	32-75	.463	8-22	.364	18-28	.643	57	23-1	19	22	5	14	90	8-4
LSU	20-64	.313	2-16	.125	16-18	.889	37	18-1	14	17	2	7	58	
TENNESSEE	30-63	.476	10-22	.455	23-24	.958	41	14-0	21	11	8	10	93	9-4
South Carolina	18-55	.327	6-16	.375	15-22	.682	28	17-1	7	16	3	11	57	
TENNESSEE	31-53	.585	12-23	.522	12-14	.857	39	20-0	18	21	7	9	86	10-4
TENNESSEE	17-56	.304	8-24	.333	5-9	.556	45	17-0	4	17	5	4	47	
Kentucky	17-55	.309	2-17	.118	10-14	.714	36	12-0	5	12	4	3	46	11-4
Georgia	23-59	.390	5-19	.263	18-26	.692	34	21-0	9	9	1	6	69	
TENNESSEE	28-57	.491	6-15	.400	23-28	.821	39	22-0	20	10	9	6	85	12-4
TENNESSEE	28-58	.483	6-18	.333	10-28	.357	30	20-0	14	15	5	7	72	
Florida	35-68	.530	7-26	.269	16-17	.941	42	23-0	21	15	4	6	93	12-5
TENNESSEE	27-55	.491	10-20	.500	14-19	.737	34	18-0	17	17	6	7	78	
Vanderbilt	23-61	.377	12-23	.522	9-16	.563	32	18-1	11	18	3	10	67	13-5
Alabama	23-61	.377	2-5	.400	16-23	.696	38	25-0	6	21	3	7	64	
TENNESSEE	29-58	.500	12-25	.480	30-38	.789	36	16-0	22	13	10	9	100	14-5
TENNESSEE	15-50	.300	3-14	.214	19-26	.731	39	24-0	6	25	3	8	52	
Arkansas	22-57	.386	6-22	.273	19-25	.760	34	24-1	12	16	1	14	69	14-6
Mississippi State	29-51	.569	5-11	.455	25-33	.758	44	27-2	19	24	5	5	88	
TENNESSEE	25-74	.338	6-29	.207	26-36	.722	34	26-1	8	8	4	9	82	14-7
Florida	19-59	.322	8-27	.296	10-15	.667	29	25-1	10	16	3	8	56	
TENNESSEE	30-55	.545	8-17	.471	23-31	.742	31	16-0	21	14	6	6	91	15-7
Vanderbilt	17-54	.315	7-21	.333	21-28	.750	48	19-0	11	15	3	6	62	
TENNESSEE	19-53	.358	7-21	.333	18-28	.643	31	22-2	15	10	5	8	63	16-7
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South Carolina	18-53	.340	7-17	.412	7-10	.700	33	14-0	10	15	5	8	50	18-7
TENNESSEE	24-43	.558	7-14	.500	20-32	.625	38	17-0	13	15	8	6	75	
Georgia	22-64	.344	12-30	.400	9-13	.692	29	24-1	12	9	4	9	65	19-7
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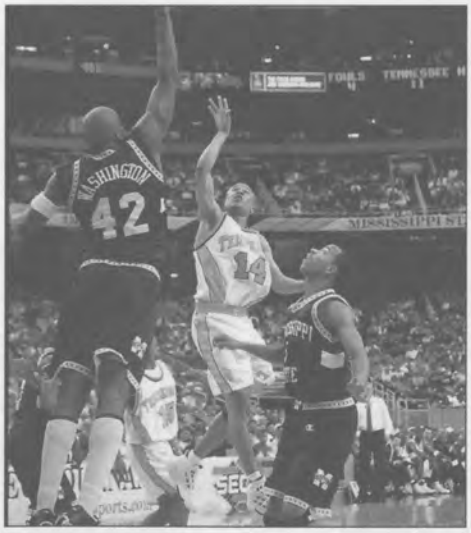
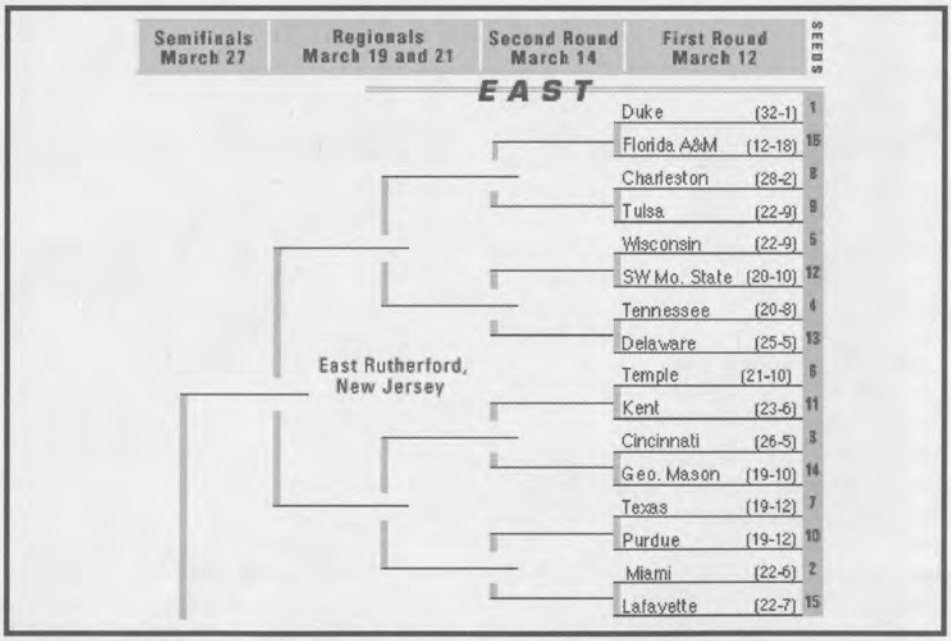


Tony Harris floats a jumper against Mississippi State at the SEC Tournament in Atlanta. *—Ray Cobb, TSP*



Green's Fast Break...
Thoughts on NCAA and SEC

On NCAA Selection: There's a little more credibility to the program than we had a few years ago. This is the first time in 17 years or so that the school has had back-to-back 20-win seasons. It's the first time that they've won the SEC East. I just feel really good about where we are. If we shoot it the way we did in Atlanta, we're not going to be around very long, but we have shown that's the abnormal part of our team. We had been pretty consistent for the six games before the Mississippi State game.

"I think the strong finish helped and our power rating has been good all year. Winning the SEC East certainly demands a lot of respect for us. It really is good to see our name up there." I know some people can take their names for granted, but I certainly am not going to, especially being up on that board with a No. 4 seed. We're certainly excited, and I hope we represent the campus community of Tennessee very positively. I know of Mike Brey (Delaware head coach), having met him once. We don't have to battle Mike Brey. We have to battle Delaware. They've been very good this year. The 64 teams in the field are all good and are all competitive.

About the experience from going to the NCAA Tournament last year: We've been there and didn't know how to act. Maybe this year we'll know how to act. I think we'll be more prepared to play. I like where we are. We've come a long way in two years. You can't go down there and just go through the motions. You have to play.

Comment on the SEC Tournamnet: We struggled the entire scoring against Mississippi State. I thought inside, we really were intimidated a little by Tyric Washington. He blocked a couple of shots early and we didn't take it to him as hard as we should a little bit later in the game.

With Tony Harris and Brandon Wharton averaging a combined 26 points per game and coming out with 15 points, we needed somebody to pick us up. But I never saw anybody else picking us up on the offensive end. Vincent Yarbrough would get a bucket Rashard Lee would get a bucket But it was an inconsistent approach to it.

Mississippi State may be a hard match-up for us. I don't know the reason that we don't play them any better than what we have, but they certainly are a tough team for us to match-up with, what with their patient offense and with their rebounding strength.

It started with all the offensive boards that they got early. We just didn't hit people and go get basketballs the way we normally do. They certainly were the best team. They deserved to win.

Mississippi State used the shot clock well, and it is what we would have liked to have done if we'd had Aaron Green.

Brandon got into foul trouble early and trying to keep him out of three in the first half was a problem. If we hadn't have had that situation, or if Aaron was with us, we would have pressed them a lot to tried to speed the tempo up.

When Brandon got his fourth foul with nine minutes to play we had to change things up. If he goes out, we don't even have a sub for Tony at the point. So we've got to be very, very careful with that situation and I would have loved to have pressed them, but we can't without Aaron and with Brandon in foul trouble.

We had good looks at the basket, just didn't make them. They did a good job of guarding Brandon. Tony had some good looks at the basket and just didn't get it down. And when he goes 2-of-16 we're not near as good as could be. I told the players after the game that if I had this game to play over at this exact moment I do not know that I would change anything; if you make two or three more shots, it is an entirely different game. But we didn't make them and they did.

Isiah Victor started in the second half because we needed more presence on the boards.

Vincent had six rebounds, and Isiah had six which shows most of our rebounds were coming up from our three and four positions. We needed help because they were out-rebounding us strongly.

Isiah has given us some good offensive looks. He has given us some good boards. His defense needs to improve some. But you know, when we look at Charles, we look at C.J. (Black), we're really struggling. But I think the one bright spot as far as scoring on the inside was Isiah and I thought he did a great job.

> ***"I think the strong finish helped and our power rating has been good all year. Winning the SEC East certainly demands a lot of respect for us. It really is good to see our name up there."***
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> ***—Coach Jerry Green***

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...
Remembering Emmett Lowery

Emmett Lowery, Tennessee's head basketball coach from 1947 through 1959, had both adherents and detractors among Vol fans during his 12-year tenure.

Most of his teams were solid winners that finished in the Southeastern Conference's upper division. But that generally productive record came up short in two important respects; he never won a Southeastern Conference Championship and he was only able to beat arch rival Kentucky one time in those dozen seasons.

Neither friend nor foe ever questioned his integrity or his reputation as a gentleman and sportsman. At a time college basketball was moving swiftly toward box office popularity and pressures were mounting on coaches to win at any cost, Lowery steadfastly refused to take the low road. From day one to the last game he ever coached, he played within the rules.

He came to Tennessee from one of the great college basketball dynasties of all time. As a sophomore at Purdue in 1932, he played alongside the great John Wooden on Ward (Piggy) Lambert's national championship team. As a senior, he had led the Boilermakers to the Big Ten title in 1934, winning All-America honors at guard, the only Vol coach ever to earn that distinction as a player.

Gen. Bob Neyland selected Lowery from off the Purdue staff to succeed John Mauer in the spring of 1947. His job had two parts. He was to coach basketball and serve as ends coach in football, as Mauer had done before him. And, like his predecessor, he was unfazed by the long hours and the season that never ended.

"I loved both sports," he said. "I felt I was lucky to get the job."

No first-year UT cage coach has ever enjoyed a more rewarding maiden season. Lowery's 1947-1948 team, led by the great Paul (Lefty) Walther, rolled to Tennessee's first-ever 20-win season, and three of its five losses came at the hands of one of the greatest college teams of all time, Kentucky's Fabulous Five. The 1948-1949 season was a virtual rerun, 19-7, again with three losses to UK's national champions.

Lowery was a very popular figure at this point of his UT career. Lowery had brought a new kind of basketball to UT, the patterned fast break attack, and SEC foes had a hard time dealing with it in the early years.

But the program experienced a slump in the early '50s, and the Vols did not contend again for the conference honors until 1955, when Carl Widseth, Ed Wiener and Herman Thompson supplied the scoring punch that had them tied for the SEC lead with three games to go. But those three were on the road, and narrow margin losses at Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech spoiled title hopes.

Lowery's teams were generally small, but in the late '50s he scored two recruiting coups in his home state of Indiana, bringing in 6-8 Gene Tormohlen and 6-6 Dalen Showalter.

With those two leading the way, his last two teams regained the winning touch of his early years, combining for a 30-15 overall record in the seasons of 1957-1958 and 1958-1959. In his last big victory, his 1959 Vols ruined Auburn's chances for the SEC title with a 56-55 upset at the new Armory-Fieldhouse. It turned out to be a costly win, however, as Tormohlen suffered a concussion in that game and could not play in the season finale against Kentucky.

Lowery fought hard to get the Armory-Fieldhouse built, realizing that its 7500 capacity would help Tennessee's basketball program in its recruiting battles with Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech, all of whom had moved into larger arenas.

He served UT well in other ways, as well. Neyland gave him public credit for scouting reports that enabled the football Vols to hold Bear Bryant's Kentucky teams scoreless during the three years that the great Babe Parilli quarterbacked the Wildcats.

Lowery resigned after the 1959 season to go into the beach motel business at Clearwater, Fla. He died in 1975 in his new mountain home at Franklin, N.C., at the age of 62.

His coaching record of 169 wins and 110 losses has been surpassed percentage wise by only one UT coach since, Ray Mears. It was his misfortune to serve during Adolph Rupp's heyday at Kentucky; with all four of Rupp's NCAA titles being won during Lowery's stay at Tennessee. His Vol teams held nearly a two to one edge over SEC opponents other than Kentucky, and in five appearances in the old SEC tournament at Louisville his teams reached the finals once and the semifinals on three other occasions.

Former Vol
Kenny Coulter (1957-59)

The television coordinator for CBS at the Kentucky game introduced himself as "Kenny Coulter."

For Vol fans, that name brought back pleasant memories of Big Orange hoops in the late 1950s back in the days of the Alumni Gym and the Armory Fieldhouse.

He averaged 9.8 points per game in 1957-58 and 14.1 in 1958-59. His most memorable moment came in the lidlifter of the 1958-59 season when he knocked home the winning basket in a 72-71 win over Wyoming that got the Armory Fieldhouse years off to a good start.

Coulter now lives and works in his native Maryville at American Fidelity Bank as Executive Vice-President. He has also officiated from 1960 to 1995 in high school, small college and Division I.

Kenny Coulter (right) and Dalen Showalter (left) celebrate the Vols' 72-71 win over Wyoming in the 1958-59 season opener.

Vols 4th at SEC Indoors

Senior All-America Dawane Wallace ran a season-best time of 7.18 in route to his runner-up finish in the 55M Hurdles on Sunday at the SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships in Gainesville, Fla. Wallace's time automatically qualifies him for the NCAA Indoor Championships and places him in a tie with Jerome Wilson (1984) for the fourth fastest time ever run by a Volunteer in the event.

Leonard Scott didn't disappoint in his two events. Racing head-to-head against three of the nation's fastest sprinters, Scott finished third in the 200M Dash with a school indoor record of 20.97. That time bettered his record-setting performance and improved his automatic qualifying mark. In the 55M Dash, Scott finished a very close runner-up behind South Carolina's Terrence Trammell. Scott ran the race in an identical time of 6.12, but the photo review showed Trammell the winner by less than one-quarter of a second. Scott left Florida with three records and two NCAA automatic qualifying marks. His 6.07 in the 55M on day one is a UT indoor record and also a record at Florida's O'Connell Center.

Tim Bell took fifth in the high jump by clearing a season-best 7-3. Bell was one of five finalists who cleared 7-3, before Arkansas' Kenny Evans defended his title with a 7-4 jump to take first. With his season-best mark, Bell provisionally qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships at Indianapolis, Ind., on March 5-6.

Also finishing fifth was Anthony Famiglietti in the 5000M Run. Famiglietti, an All-SEC performer in cross country, finished in 14:37.99 and Jamison, also an All-SEC in cross country, ran to a personal-best finish of 14:50.22, good for seventh-place. Rondell Mershon triple jumped 48-7 1/2 to finish seventh and Dwayne Bell finished eighth in the 400M Dash.

Tennessee finished sixth in the Distance Medley Relay thanks in part to a strong final lap push by Jesse Bacigalupi. The DMR team, consisting of Chris Hendrix-Buxton, Russell Frye, Brock Smith and Bacigalupi, ran 10:04.15 - their best time of the season. The 4 X 400M Relay team finished in seventh-place with a time of 3:12.72.

Arkansas won the SEC Indoor Championship with 152 total points and South Carolina finished runner-up. Tennessee improved upon their fifth-place team finish from last year with a fourth-place finish this year and a total of 63 points. Overall, the Vols had 15 athletes score during the championship.

Golfers 11th at Jacksonville

The University of Tennessee men's golf team slipped seven places to finish 11th after the final round of the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate. The Vols fired rounds of 298-309-307--914, at Queen's Harbour and Yacht Country Club (7,012 yards, par 72) in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sophomore Andy Brimer posted the best marks for the Orange and White with scores of 73-77-75--225, to finish tied for 25th. Junior Derrick Centers fired rounds of 73-78-76--227 to hold the second-best Vol score tying for 34th.

The University of Florida took its second title of the season shooting only one-over-par, 865. The Gators shot scores of 286-294-285, to put host North Florida in second place by only one stroke, 291-298-277--866. South Carolina (881), Florida Southern (898), and East Tennessee State (900) round out the top five teams.

Florida's Steve Scott secured his title with rounds of 69-72-72--213, three-under-par. North Florida's Kevin Mock, 72-73-69--214, and David Bennett, 74-76-65--215, placed second and third for the individuals.

Netters Drop One to the Tide 4-3

The No. 12 Tennessee tennis team (8-4, 2-1 SEC) dropped its first Southeastern Conference match of the year as No. 21 Alabama (6-3, 1-1 SEC) upset the Vols 4-3 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Alabama's victory moved the series record to 22- 10 in favor of Tennessee.

The difference proved to be the doubles point. Alabama took control early by winning the doubles point. At No. 1 doubles, Mark Fitzpatrick and Mark Way pulled off the upset by defeating 24th-ranked Ariel Rivero and Francisco Rodriguez in a 9-8 (2) nailbiter. However, the Vols lost the Nos. 2 and 3 doubles matches. At No. 2 doubles, Graydon Oliver and Alin Taranga of Alabama defeated Peter Handoyo and Mirko Jovanovic 8-4. At No. 3 doubles, Susheel Narla and Kareem Zaher of Alabama bested Mark Parsons and Paul Podbury 8-3. The Tide led 1-0 heading into singles play.

The Vols and the Tide split the singles matches three apiece. Singles play was extremely tight with four of the six matches going three sets.

Lady Vol Golfers Finish 8th in Arizona

The University of Tennessee Lady Vol golf team stepped up play on the final day, carding a season-low team total of 290 in the final round at the Arizona Wildcat Invitational on the Randolph Park North golf course in Tucson, Ariz. Freshman Young-A Yang knocked another shot off her play to finish in eighth place with a new career-low round of 70 on the par 72, 6,003-yard layout.

Yang posted the second top-ten finish of her career and led the UT squad for the fourth time during the 1998-99 campaign. She carded rounds of 73, 71 and 70 to capture the second-lowest individual total for 54 holes in Lady Vol golf history at 214.

As a team, Tennessee turned in a three-day total of 890, tying the lowest ever team total by a Lady Vol golf squad. Adding to the effort along with Yang was junior Stacey Bergman, carding 71-75-74 = 220 for a share of 19th in her best outing as a Lady Vol. Freshman Carrie Cole (76-77-74 = 227) posted a career-low round of 74 on the final day to end tied for 46th, freshman Tina Schneeberger (77-80-72 = 229) carded an even-par and career-low 72 on the last 18 to finish tied at 52nd, and sophomore Anna Umemura (79-80-81 = 240) ended tied for 82nd.

Senior Jessica Lindbergh, who was competing as an individual, finished play tied for 31st. She fired rounds of 68, 77 and 78 for 223 on the event.

Tournament hosts Arizona made up ground on the final day to claim the title in the 16-team field. The Wildcats finished 10-under-par at the event and nine strokes ahead of second-place Tulsa with a score of 854. Arizona State's Grace Park maintained the lead she held throughout the tournament to earn individual medalist honors with a 10-under 54-hole total of 206.

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THIS WEEK IN BIG ORANGE COUNTRY

Chavis Becomes New Assistant Head Coach, Brooks Named Recruiting Coordinator

John Chavis, who has overseen Tennessee defensive units that ranked among the toughest in NCAA and Southeastern Conference football, has been promoted to assistant head coach.

Chavis will continue as defensive coordinator of the Vols and take on additional assignments as delegated by Head Coach Phillip Fulmer.

A former Tennessee noseguard who has served on the Vols staff for 10 years, the 42-year-old native of Dillon, S.C., will fill the position vacated when offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe became head coach at Mississippi.

"John has been and will continue to be a very important part of our success," Fulmer said Tuesday. "This promotion only reflects the continued crucial role that he plays in our program. John's loyalty to the program, his work ethic and his relationship with the staff and players will continue to play an important role in our future success."

"This is a very exciting step in my career," said Chavis. "Coach Fulmer has placed a lot of confidence in me over the years. I assure him that I will approach whatever responsibility he gives me with enthusiasm and with determination to accomplish what he wants."

Coach Fulmer elevated two assistant coaches this week.

Chavis, who also coaches linebackers, has served as coordinator for four seasons. His defense ranked first in the SEC in 1996, third in 1997 and second last year. It also has finished consistently among national leaders, ranking fourth in 1997.

After graduating from UT in 1979, Chavis coached at Tennessee, Alabama A&M, Alabama State and again at Alabama A&M before returning to his alma mater in 1989.

Fulmer also announced the appointment of defensive line coach Dan Brooks as recruiting coordinator. Brooks will take over the responsibilities previously held by Randy Sanders, who was promoted to offensive coordinator when Cutcliffe left.

"Dan has played a key role in our recruiting success as well as football success," Fulmer said. "He will do a fine job as recruiting coordinator because of his work ethic and enjoyment of recruiting, his organizational skills and his ability to communicate with prospective student athletes."

A native of Sparta, N.C., Brooks, 47, played college football at Appalachian State and Western Carolina. He has coached the past five years at Tennessee after previous service at Western Carolina, Kings Mountain (N.C.) High School, Florida and North Carolina.

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Softball Claims 2nd Place at Arizona

In the championship game of the Wildcat Classic on Sunday afternoon, the Lady Vol softball team once again gave second-ranked Arizona all it could handle at Hillenbrand Stadium. Head coach Jim Beitia's club, coming off two straight wins over #6 South Florida, grabbed a 1-0 lead on the Wildcats in the top of the first inning.

Senior Lisa Warren drew a leadoff walk and was sacrificed to second by classmate Kelli Fitzgerald. A two-out single to left field by senior Carrie Swinford moved Warren over to third before an infield base-hit by senior Kenyail Norris put Tennessee ahead, 1-0.

UT hurler, junior Jackie Beavers, kept Arizona off the board until the third inning. After retiring the first two batters, shortstop Toni Mascarenas singled to left before Lauren Bauer poked a triple to the deepest part of the ballpark to score Mascarenas with the tying run. Unshaken, Beavers came back to set down Jennie Finch on a ground out.

Knotted at one apiece, Tennessee again threatened in the fifth, as Warren reached second with one out after walking and advancing on a wild pitch. However, Wildcat All-America Becky Lemke got out of the jam with a strikeout and a ground out.

Arizona moved ahead in the fifth on a pair of hits and a damaging Lady Vol error. Beavers induced leadoff batter Nicole Giordano to line out to third base for the first out before Katie Swan's shallow pop up was misplayed for an error and Swan ended up on second. Mascarenas singled to center to score Swan but Beavers again pitched out of trouble, leaving the Lady Vols down, 2-1.

Coach Beitia's club challenged nationally ranked Arizona.

The 'Cats added an insurance run in the sixth, as Teresa Ayoub's sacrifice fly with one out plated Chrissy Gil with another unearned run. Tennessee managed five hits off Lemke, but the right-hander fanned eight and gave up just the one run to improve to 10-1. Beavers, who had blanked #6 South Florida by a 1-0 count the day before, scattered six hits and the one earned run but fell to 2-2. Norris went 2-3 to lead the Lady Vols.

The Big Orange, now 5-5 overall, will return to action this weekend at the Eastern Kentucky Invitational against Kent State, Wright State and the host Colonels. Still, coming off a 3-2 weekend in Tucson, Tennessee handled #6 South Florida twice, #17 Hawaii and hung tough during both meetings with second-ranked Arizona.

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Also remember to please adhere to the limits on all away game ticket orders, particularly the Alabama game. Away game tickets will be allocated and assigned according to the guidelines mailed to all donors earlier this spring.

Season Football Parking Information

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Baseball Parking Information

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The ticket booth at Lindsey Nelson Stadium will open two hours before the first pitch for each home game this season. Cash only at the ticket booth please. Game-by-game ticket prices are $5 for reserved seats while general admission seats are $3 for adults and $1 for students 17-years-old and under. Jr. Vols members may get in free for any game. You may also charge your tickets in advance and have them waiting on you at Will Call if you like. Call the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for more details.

Upcoming Baseball Promotions

The Tennessee Volunteer baseball team begins conference play March 12-14 when it hosts the Crimson Tide of Alabama for a three-game weekend series. Game times are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Friday's game is Lay's Baseball Day and the first 500 fans 12-years-old and under will receive a free baseball. Saturday's game is Mrs. Winner's Waterbottle Day and the first 500 fans through the turnstiles will receive a free waterbottle. Contact the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for more information or to order tickets.

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For each home game on Sundays this season, Tennessee athletics has two special somethings for you. First, Sunday is Fan Appreciation Day sponsored by Fazoli's. Fans may meet and greet their favorite Vols in the Lindsey Nelson Stadium outfield. Sundays are also Little League Days, as all Little League players, in uniform, will receive one general admission ticket free.

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The Sea Ray Relays Return to Knoxville

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— Compiled by Steve Sams

Women's SEC Tourney Recap...
Women sweep through tourney

With the loss to LSU to close out the regular season, some critics thought the loss might help the SEC tournament, adding some suspense on what has been another tremendous run by Tennessee. However LSU was knocked off by Kentucky and Tennessee continued to dominate the field. They had their struggles at times, but they always righted the ship and closed the deal on another top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Tamika Catchings scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half and Chamique Holdsclaw added 19 as the second-ranked Lady Vols beat No. 14 Georgia 85-69 for their ninth SEC tournament championship overall and fifth this decade.

Whether it turns out to be an omen for the three-time defending national champions remains to be seen. Only three of the Lady Vols' six national titles have followed SEC tourney victories.

It didn't look like Tennessee (28-2) would win its second straight tournament title early.

Georgia (23-6) led by as many as nine in the first half and was ahead 40-37 at halftime by beating the Lady Vols at what they do better than anyone in the country - shooting. The Lady Bulldogs hit 55 percent in the half (18-of-33) compared to Tennessee's cool 39 percent.

Then Tennessee turned up the pressure and the volume from a capacity orange crowd and wound up outrebounding Georgia 42-30 overall and forcing 19 turnovers in the final 31 minutes.

The Lady Vols, who scored the final six points of the first half, opened up the second half with a 22-7 spurt. Georgia hit only two of its first 13 shots with three post players in foul trouble.

Catchings scored off a miss by Holdsclaw with 17:37 left for a 42-40 lead, Tennessee's first since five minutes into the game. With Georgia in its shooting drought, the Lady Vols built that lead to as much as 18 in the final two minutes.

Michelle Snow also had 14 points for Tennessee.

Kelly Miller led Georgia with 24 points, and her twin Coco Miller had 19. Tawana McDonald had 13 before fouling out. of the championship game.

Tennessee 80, Alabama 69

Randall scored 21 of her 23 points in the second half to help No. 2 Tennessee down 24th-ranked Alabama 80-69 Saturday in the Southeastern Conference tournament semifinals.

Alabama now has lost 21 straight to the Lady Vols, dating back to the 1984 SEC tournament. It looked like it would be a flashback to last year's SEC title game, when the Crimson Tide (19-10) gave Tennessee its biggest scare to that point of an undefeated season, before losing 67-63.

On this day, the teams swapped the lead 11 times with nine ties before Randall took over for Tennessee.

Randall grabbed a missed shot by Holdsclaw and laid it in to put the Lady Vols ahead for good at 42-41 with 13:46 left. That started a 12-2 spurt in which Randall scored 10.

Tennessee, which was only 1-of-3 from the line in the first half, sealed the victory there. The Lady Vols hit 11 straight at one point and finished the game 18-of-25.

Holdsclaw became the SEC's leading scorer with 22 points and 2,909 for her career, passing LSU's Joyce Walker (2,906). Tamika Catchings had 12, and Michelle Snow pumped in 10.

Tennessee, the nation's best shooting team, had trouble finding the basket in the first half. Catchings was the worst. A day after scoring a career-high 38 points, she missed six of her first seven shots.

But Alabama didn't take much advantage of the Lady Vols' problems and never led by more than four. The Crimson Tide took a 31-29 lead into halftime when Snow was called for blocking Dominique Canty just before the buzzer, and Canty hit the two free throws.

Canty led Alabama with 22 points, and Kaunda Williams added 13, Shondra Johnson 11 and LaToya Caudle 10.

Tennessee 92, Florida 80

Catchings scored a career-high 38 points and Holdsclaw added 19 as No. 2 Tennessee rebounded from its second loss of this season by routing Florida 92-80 Friday as Tennessee began play in in the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Coach Pat Summitt had wondered how her Lady Vols would react after losing at LSU last weekend in their regular-season finale. It was their first SEC loss since 1997 and cost them their No. 1 ranking.

Summitt was not in suspense for long.

Catchings and Holdsclaw scored the first five points, and the Lady Vols were on their way against eighth-seeded Florida (19-13). The two combined with Semeka Randall to score Tennessee's first 31 points.

Florida had problems shooting early but pulled within 20-19 on a jumper by Tamara Stocks with 10:18 to go. But the Lady Gators, who lost by only 13 when Tennessee visited Gainesville last month, didn't score again for the next five minutes.

Holdsclaw and Catchings scored the next 11 points, and Florida never got within single digits again as Catchings finished the half scoring 24 and Holdsclaw 17. Catchings, whose previous career-high was 35 points against DePaul in January 1998, finished 13-of-18 from the floor and 10-of-14 the foul line before being rested with 11 minutes left.

Tennessee led 49-31 at halftime and by as much 33 midway through the half. Snow added 10 points for the Lady Vols.

Tamara Stocks led Florida with 22 points, Brandi McCain added 12, Tonya Washington had 11, and Talatha Bingham 10.

Stories by Teresa M. Walker
*—**AP** Sports Writer*

NO. 2 TENNESSEE 85, No. 14 GEORGIA 69

GEORGIA (23-6)

K. Miller 10-18 2-3 24, Murphy 0-1 0-0 0, Ball 2-3 0-0 4, C. Miller 8-20 0-0 19, McDonald 5-7 3-4 13, Vishniakova 0-1 0-0 0, Nolan 2-6 1-1 5, Brown 2-7 0-0 4, Irwin-Osbolt 0-1 0-0 0, Willis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 6-9 69.

TENNESSEE (27-2)

Snow 7-12 0-2 14, Jolly 2-7 3-4 8, Randall 3-12 0-4 6, Holdsclaw 9-23 1-1 19, Catchings 10-15 4-7 24, Geter 1-2 4-4 6, Clement 2-5 2-2 6, Butts 1-1 0-0 2, Pillow 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 35-77 14-25 85.

Halftime--Georgia 40, Tennessee 37. **3-point goals**--Georgia 5-15 (K. Miller 2-4, Murphy 0-1, C. Miller 3-7, Nolan 0-1, Brown 0-2), Tennessee 1-7 (Jolly 1-4, Holdsclaw 0-1, Catchings 0-1). **Fouled out**--Ball, McDonald, Vishniakova. **Rebounds**--Georgia 34 (C. Miller 8), Tennessee 45 (Holdsclaw 13). **Assists**--Georgia 13 (Brown 5), Tennessee 14 (Jollly, Randall, Holdsclaw 3). **Total fouls**--Georgia 27, Tennessee 16.**Technicals**--Landers. A--11,163.

AROUND THE DIAMOND...

VOLS STILL LOOKING FOR CONSISTENCY

A win no matter by how slimmest the margins or how you get them is very important when you have a young squad like Tennessee.

Tennessee sent Quenten Patterson (2-1) to the mound who went seven innings giving up four runs while striking out three as Tennessee took the California series with a 9-8 triumph.

Patterson was not in total command of his pitches but he got Tennessee through the tough innings. From there the Vols platooned three more pitchers to notch the win. Logan Brummitt went the final one and a third innings took get his first save of the year.

Offensively the Vols capitalized on six doubles (two each by Stevie Daniel and Jeff Baumtrog) and scored on two Golden Bear errors.

As Tennessee continued to go with their same lineup from Saturday's game, they appeared more aggressive. The first inning box score will show three runs but the damage could have been much worse. The Vols benefitted from four walks, including three consecutive to start the inning, and plated all three runs despite not having a base hit.

The second inning brought some controversy as head coach Rod Delmonico was ejected after arguing a call in which Baumtrog dodged a wild pitch. The ball hit the hand holding the bat as Baumtrog was protecting his face. The home plate umpire ruled it a foul ball and Delmonico protested leading to his ejection.

The fourth inning saw the Vols plate four runs on three doubles (as Baumtrog, Donnie Ross and Daniel each collected one) and scored on an error by the Cal first baseman.

From there it was nip and tuck as the pitching staff tried to hold back the Bear offense, while Tennessee was held in check until the bottom of the eighth.

The eighth was crucial as the Vols got an insurance run which California could not manage to make up. With the tying run in scoring position Brummett escaped a potential costly dropped foul ball by catcher Matt Garrett and caught last year's National Freshman of the Year Xavier Nady looking at a called third strike to end the game.

Tennessee won its second series of the season and awaits the start of SEC play March 12-14 as Alabama comes to town.

Tennessee 4, California 3

Jamie Bennett returned to the mound for the third time in seven days and pitched a masterful game going the distance in a 4-3 win for the Vols. Bennett was a stark contrast from the previous day when the Vols were beaten 7-3 in a game in which the Vol pitching staff walked 11 batters. To Bennett's credit he went nine innings, struck out a career-high 12 and walked none. All three of the Golden Bears runs were earned to go with their seven hits.

As for the Vols offensively, despite going 3-for-11 with runners in scoring position, they scored runs when the opportunity lent itself to them.

Coach Delmonico changed his lineup which saw senior Josh Morris enter the starting lineup for the first time this season. Morris did not disappoint, going 3-for-3 with two RBIs, a run scored and a walk.

Defensively, the Vols did not commit an error on the day and shortstop Daniel had seven assists at his position.

But the story of the day was Bennett and his pitching. The young man on the mound may not have looked very intimidating, but he kept his pitches around the plate and changed his speeds effectively. Now 3-1 on the season, he has emerged as a possible star on this pitching staff. His only negative for the day was the two batters that he plunked.

He worked himself out of a jam in the sixth after the Bears had scored three runs in the fifth, two off a wind-aided home run. That may have been to some extent caused by the amount of innings he has worked over the last week. Adding to what he had pitched in his two previous outings he threw 130 pitches in this crucial win. The Vols headed into Sunday's affair looking to take their second series on the season.

California 7, Tennessee 3

Tennessee got behind early as Marlyn Tisdale (2-3) took the loss in the Vols 7-3 loss to California in game one of the three game series.

Tennessee 4, Morehead State 3

Tennessee used some ninth inning heroics and claimed their second straight win.

—Donnell Field

Game 3

California	020 111 102 -- 8	13	2
TENNESSEE	310 400 01x -- 9	11	2

E - Morris 2 (2), Dennis (5), Ayres (1). DP - Tennessee . LOB - California 13, Tennessee 8. 2B - Meyer (4), Baumtrog 2(4), Ross (7), Burke (4), Daniel 2(9). HR - Dennis (2), Meyer (1), Sharp (2). SB - C. Johnson 2(9), Burke (7), Morris (2). SH - Hopkins (1). W- Patterson (2-1). L- Hutchinson (2-2). WP- Hutchinson 2(3), Brummitt (5). BK - Patterson (1). HBP- by Patterson (Nady), by Hutchinson (Morris). T- 3:28 A- 1249.

Game 2

California	000 030 000 -- 3	7	1
TENNESSEE	001 101 10x -- 4	8	0

E - Callen (3). DP - California 1. LOB - California 4, Tennessee 8. 2B - Hoover (3), Baumtrog (2), Ross (6), Morris (1). HR- Sharp (1). SB - Garrett (1), Morris (1). CS - Tonis (1). SH - Callen (5). SF- Ross (2). W- Bennett (3-1). L- Atkinson (1-4). WP- Atkinson (3). HBP- by Atkinson (Daniel), by Bennett (Nady), by Atkinson (Hopkins), by Bennett (Nady). T- 2:32. A- 1209.

Game 1

California	120 020 002 -- 7	7	1
TENNESSEE	000 020 010 -- 3	7	1

E - Williams (8), Daniel (5). DP - California 1. LOB - California 11, Tennessee 7. 2B - Meyer (2). HR - Williams (3), Ross (4). SB - C. Johnson 2 (7). CS - Dennis (2), Meyer (1), Burke (4). SH - Williams (2), Sark (2). SF - Baumtrog (1). W - Shirley (2-2). L - Tisdale (2-3). HBP - by Tisdale (Nady), by Shirley (Christensen, by Tisdale (Hoover). T - 2:36. A - 1144

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Faces in Big Orange Country

Working out and being around some of the most beautiful ladies may seem like a lot of work, but for cheerleader **Micah Hartsfield**, this is one of the greatest jobs in the world. From the Tennessee vs Florida football game to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. it was evident that this young man's blood runs Big Orange. But Hartsfield did not begin his cheerleading career at the best school in the country. He started at Columbia State Community College and then moved on to Tennessee Tech University in Coolkeville before landing at UT. A senior in marketing hailing from Columbia, Tenn., Hartsfield hopes to enter Tennessee's MBA program upon graduation. His cheerleading squad also finished second at this year's UCA / UDA National Championship conpetition in Orlando, Fla.

Junior **Candy Reid** has stepped up and helped strengthen Tennessee's singles tennis rotation this season. In five matches this spring, she has notched four victories against only one loss. In those matches, the Lady Vols are 4-1 as a team. An accomplished doubles player, Reid is a team-best 13-6 on the court with a partner this year. A native of Surrey, England, Candy has competed at Wimbledon and qualified for the senior doubles pool. Reid is majoring in communications and aspires to be a television broadcaster in the United States or Great Britain following graduation.

Freshman **Young-A Yang** is swinging her way to success with the Lady Vol golf team. She opened spring play in February with a career-low total of 214 at the Arizona Wildcat Invitational, and she captured the second-lowest individual total in Lady Vol history for a 54-hole tournament. She fired rounds of 73, 71 and 70, improving each day to finish in eighth place and help the UT squad to eighth with a total of 890 to tie the lowest ever team total. Yang now has three top-ten finishes this season, holds the lowest stroke average on the team at 74.00, and has led the Lady Vols at four tournaments. She earned a spot among the nation's top collegiate golfers, as she was tied for 23rd among individuals in the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings after fall play.

Allison Lacy is the Captain of the 1998-1999 University of Tennessee Dance Team. She served four years on the team and was elected co-Captain of the 1997-1998 team. She enjoyed three consecutive trips to dance team collegiate nationals, hosted by UDA. Allison, along with her older sister Cindy, were the first sisters to serve on the team together. Lacy comes from a long history of dance, as she has endured 17 years of technical dance training. Lacy is also active socially as she served as Rush chair, Party chair, and Carnicus director and cheoreographer for her sorority. Lacy also devoted her time to coaching a local high school dance team for the past three years. A senior in Finance, Lacy will graduate this spring and plans to attend graduate school.

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The Last Word...

Legion Field: End of an Era

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. *-- Alabama will pay the city of Birmingham more than $1 million to move three home games from Legion Field to Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa over the next three seasons. Athletic Director Bob Bockrath said the home games with Auburn and Tennessee between 1999 and 2001 would be moved to the campus. The University will pay $350,000 for each game moved and guarantee playing four games at Legion Field beyond the current contract, which extends through the 2001 season. "This represents a significant event in Alabama football history," Bockrath said March 5. "Although Tennessee and Auburn have both played football games in the past in Tuscaloosa, only Tennessee has played a game in what is now Bryant-Denny Stadium." Bockrath said the agreement with Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington ensures that all future Southeastern Conference games will be played at Bryant-Denny.*

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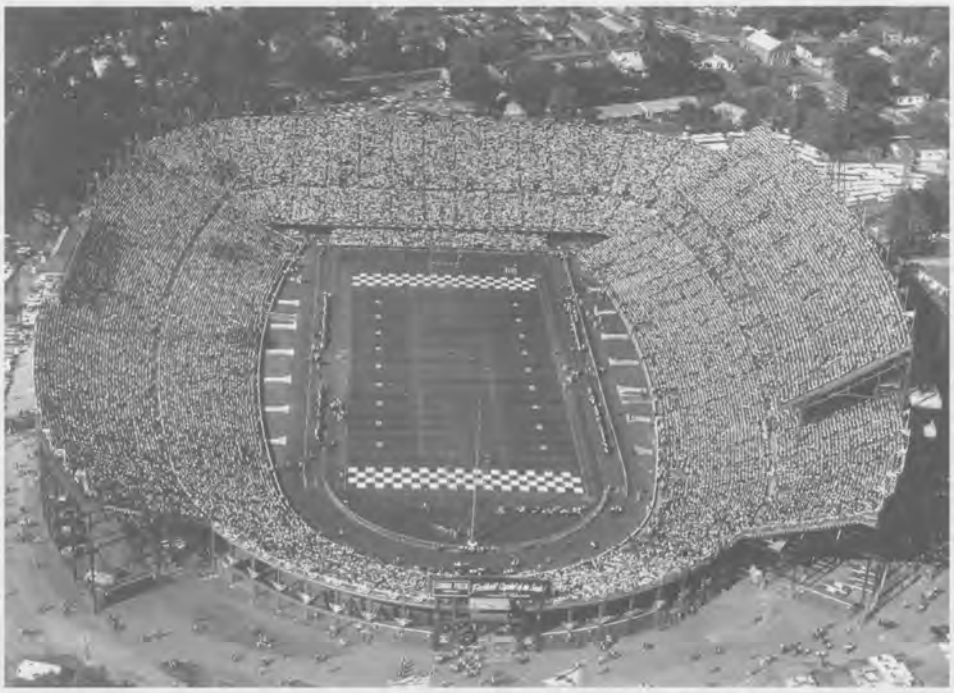

There have been many great games fought on Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama. It appears that future great moments in Tennessee-Alabama football history, at least in odd-numbered years, will take place at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa.

What this news item means, ladies and gentlemen, is that Tennessee's time in Legion Field in Birmingham has now passed. Games at the once green, now slate gray, stadium on Graymont Avenue at Eighth Avenue are now but memories and what memories they are.

Tennessee's and the SEC's first televised game came from Legion Field Oct. 20, 1951, when the eventual national champion Volunteers, coached by Gen. Bob Neyland, took a 27-13 decision.

Tennessee failed to make a first down when the Vols squared off against Auburn on Sept. 27, 1958, losing a 13-0 decision.

The Vols won a decisive game on the way to the 1967 SEC crown by taking a 24-13 win Oct. 21. Albert Dorsey had three interceptions, the last for a touchdown, as the Vols won for the first time against the Tide since 1960.

The Vols likewise won against the Tide in 1969, on Oct. 18, taking a 21-0 first quarter lead and going on from there to a 41-14 victory that helped bring another SEC crown to Knoxville. A plane flew over Legion Field that day, proclaiming that arena and the surrounding area to be Big Orange Country and, on that day, it certainly was.

The 1983 season, Oct. 15 specifcally, saw an offensive shootout, capped by Johnnie Jones' 67-yard run that brought a 41-34 victory for the Vols. The game included two 80-yard TD passes, from Alan Cockrell to Lenny Taylor and Clyde Duncan, as the two teams moved up and down the ersatz turf, seemingly at will.

The 1985 season, Oct. 19, saw Dale Jones' miracle interception against Mike Shula and a 16-14 win over the Tide that brought another league championship home to Knoxville.

Peyton Manning led victories in 1995 and 1997 that brought great joy to Vol fans. No one knew the Vols would never see this famed arena again, but that fact could not diminish in the least the memories engendered in the big arena on the Fairgrounds in Birmingham.

A personal note. I remember leaving Knoxville in the cold of many Saturday mornings, down I-75, U.S. 11, or Tennessee State Route 58, heading toward what civic leaders down south call the "Magic City." You could always count on hearing a replay of a high school game on the way down and see the fans flying their colors proudly on their cars.

If the trip down was fun, the trip home after a win was more fun. It was a great time. It was a unifying experience for all of us who were dressed in varying shapes and amounts of the uniquely Tennessee orange and white.

For a number of years, it was Tennessee in orange on the press box (or west) side and Alabama in crimson on the east side. That all changed in 1971, when the SEC decreed that the home team had the choice of jersey and the visiting team generally (except perhaps at LSU and Vanderbilt) got to wear their white shirts.

That was a shame and even former Tide coach Ray Perkins admitted as much.

But the memories will linger on through the years of these great moments and many more will likely be created at Tuscaloosa at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Shed no tears for Legion Field. It was the site of a passel of orange and white memories, a time in which young men in orange competed mightily for the University of Tennessee.

I'll miss hearing the "Official Legion Field Time" and the injunction to buy your official game program before you entered the stadium. I'll also treasure memories of Bear Bryant in the checkered hat and Phillip Fulmer throwing his hat into the crowd in 1995. In any event, *tempus fugit.* Time marches on.

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—Tom Mattingly

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